

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the first paragraph of the specification as follows:

This application claims the benefit of US provisional application Serial No. 60/263,943, filed January 24, 2001, ~~and This application is also a continuation-in-part application of PCT application PCT/US02/01858 (serial number not yet assigned), entitled Ice Modification, Removal and Prevention, filed 22 January 2002.~~ This application is also a continuation-in-part application of commonly-owned and copending US patent application Serial No. 09/426,685, filed October 25, 1999, which is a divisional application of US patent application Serial No. 09/094,779, filed June 15, 1998, ~~issued as now~~ US Patent No. 6,027,075 on February 22, 2000, ~~and this~~ ~~This~~ application is also a continuation-in-part application of commonly-owned and copending US patent application 09/914,817, filed August 31, 2001, now US Patent No. 6,653,598, which was a US national phase application of PCT application PCT/US00/05665, filed 1 March 2000, which claimed the benefit of US provisional application Serial No. 60/122,463, filed 1 March 1999, (now abandoned), and the benefit of US provisional application Serial No. 60/131,082, filed 26 April 1999, (now abandoned); and which is a continuation-in-part application of commonly-owned and copending PCT application PCT/US99/28330, filed 30 November 1999, which claims the benefit of US provisional application Serial No. 60/110,440, filed December 1, 1998, (now abandoned), the benefit of US provisional application Serial No. 60/122,463 filed March 1, 1999, (now abandoned), and the benefit of US provisional application Serial No. 60/131,082 filed April 26, 1999, (now abandoned); each of which applications is are hereby incorporated by reference.